Anno xxix. Reginæ Elizabethæ.

¶ At this preſent Seſſion of *Parliament by prorogation holden* at Weſtminſter, the xv. day of Februarie, in the xxix. yeere of the Reigne of our moſt gratious Soueraigne Lady, Elizabeth by the grace of God of England Fraunce and Ireland Queene, defender of the fayth, &c. and there continued to the diſſolution of the ſame.

To the high pleaſure of Almightie God,
and the weale publique of this
Realme, were enacted
as followeth.

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The firſt Chapter.

IN moſt humble wiſe beſeecheth your moſt Royall Maieſtie, the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and all other your moſt louing and obedient ſubiects, the Commons of this your moſt high Court of Parliament aſſembled: That where Thomas Paget late Lord Paget, late of Drayton in the Countie of Middleſex, Fraunces Engleſield late of London knight, Charles Paget late of London Eſquier, Fraunces Throgmorton late of London Eſquier, William Shelley late of Clapham in the Countie of Suſſex Eſquier, Anthonie Babington late of Dethicke in the Countie of Derby Eſquier, Thomas Saliſbury late of Llewenny in the Countie of Denbigh Eſquier, Edward Iones late of Cadogan in the ſaid Countie of Denbigh Eſquier, Edward Abington late of Henlyppe in the Countie of Worceſter Eſquier, Charles Tilney late of London Eſquier, Chidiocke Tychborne late of Porcheſter in the Countie of Southampton [illegible], Robert Barnewell late of London Gentleman, Iohn Charnocke late of London Gentleman, & Iohn Trauers [illegible] in the Countie of Lancaſter Gentleman, hauing [illegible] of God before their eyes, haue moſt falſly and traiterouſly [illegible], perpetrated & done many vnnaturall, deteſtable, and abhominable Treaſons, to the moſt fearefull perill and [illegible] of your moſt Royall perſon, and to the [illegible] and deſtruction of this your Highneſſe [illegible] God of his infinite goodneſſe had not in due time [illegible] knowledge to your Highneſſe of their [illegible] And for the which ſaid Treaſons, being [illegible] prooued, the ſayd [illegible] haue bene lawfully indicted, and ſome of them [illegible]

and

and are lawfully and by due proceſſe outlawed, and thereby fully attainted, and ſome other by triall of the Countrey, and their owne confeſſions, and Judgement thereupon giuen, lawfully and iuſtly conuicted & attainted according to the Lawes of this your Realme, as by ỹ Records of their ſeuerall Attaindors more plainely it doeth and may appeare, and for the which ſeuerall offences, ſome of the ſayd offendors haue ſuffered paines of death according to their demerites.

It may therefore pleaſe your Highnes of your moſt gratious and accuſtomed goodnes, & for the entier loue, fauour & heartie affection that your Maieſtie hath alwayes heretofore borne, and yet beareth to the quiet eſtate and common weale of this your Realme of England, and for the preſeruation of your moſt Royall and excellent Maieſtie, & of the good, quiet, peace, vnitie, and reſt of vs your moſt bounden & obedient ſubiects, to graunt and aſſent at the moſt humble deſire and petition of your ſayd louing and obedient ſubiects the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, that ỹ ſaid lawfull & iuſt conuictions & Attaindors of all the ſaid offendors may be approued & confirmed, & ſtand effectuall in the lawe to all intents & purpoſes, by the authoritie of this preſent Parliament.

And that it may be enacted, that the ſayd Thomas Paget late Lord Paget, Fraunces Englefielde Knight, Charles Paget, Fraunces Throckmorton, William Shelley, Anthonie Babington, Thomas Saliſburie, Edward Iones, Edward Abington, Charles Tilney, Chidiock Tychborne, Robert Barnwel, Iohn Charnocke, and Iohn Traues, for their ſayd vnnaturall, abhominable, and deteſtable Treaſons, by them & euery of them moſt vnnaturally, abominably & traiterouſly perpetrated, committed and done againſt your Maieſtie and this your Realme, ſhall be by the authoritie of this preſent Parliament, conuicted and attainted of high Treaſon. And that as many of the ſayd offendors and perſons before named, as be yet in life, & not pardoned, ſhall and may at your Maieſties will & pleaſure, ſuffer paines of death as in caſe of high Treaſon. And that the ſaid Thomas Paget late Lord Paget, and all and euery the ſayd offendors & perſons attainted before named, as wel ſuch of them as be yet in life, as ſuch of them as be put to execution for their ſayd Treaſons, ſhall loſe & forfeite to your Highnes, & your heires & ſucceſſors, all their Honors, Caſtels, Mannors, Meaſes, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Reuerſions, Remainders, Offices, Rights, Conditions, and all other their Hereditaments, of what nature, kinde, or qualitie ſoeuer they be, which they or any of them had to their owne vſe or vſes, the day of their ſaid ſeuerall Treaſons or offences by them or any of them committed, perpetrated or done, or at any time ſithence. And that all and ſingular their ſayd Honors, [illegible] Manors, Meaſes, Lands, Tenements, Rentes, Reuerſions, [illegible] Rightes, Conditions, & all other their Hereditaments, ſhalbe deemed, veſted and iudged to be in the actuall and reall poſſeſſion of your Maieſtie, without any office or inquiſition thereof hereafter to be taken or found, according to the common Law of this your Realme. Sauing to euery perſon and perſons, bodies politique & corporate, & to the heires, aſſignes and ſucceſſors of euery of them, (other then the ſaid Thomas Paget late Lord Paget, and other the ſayd offendors and perſons attainted before named and their heires, and the heires of euery of them clayming the premiſſes as heire or heires by or from them, [illegible] of them,) And all & euery other perſon or perſons clayming by them or any of them, to their uſes or behoofes, or to the [illegible] behoofe of any of them, or to the uſe of any of their ſayde [illegible] all ſuch right, title, uſe, poſſeſſion, intereſt, Reuerſion, [illegible] Conditions, Fees, Offices, Rentes, Annui[illegible], and all other commodities and Hereditaments [illegible] they or any of them had or ought to haue had in the premiſſes or any part thereof, at or before the ſame ſeuerall [illegible] ſaid ſeuerall offendors committed or done, in as large & ample maner as if this Act had neuer bene had or made: [illegible] ſuch right, title, uſe, poſſeſſion, intereſt, reuerſion, [illegible] Conditions, Fees, Offices, Rentes, Annui[illegible], and all other commodities and Hereditaments [illegible], which they or any of them now haue, or at any time [illegible] by vertue of any conueyance or [illegible] before the ſame ſeuerall Treaſons committed or done, This Act or any thing therein conteined notwithſtanding, [illegible] ample maner, as if this Act had neuer bene had or made. [illegible]

[illegible] alwayes, and neuertheleſſe be it enacted by the [illegible], that this Act or any thing therein conteined [illegible] to make voyde any graunt, [illegible] by our ſayd Soueraigne Lady the [illegible] Manors, Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments [illegible] perſon or perſons by letters Patents [illegible] England [illegible] but that the ſame [illegible] ſhall ſtand and be of ſuch like force and effect in the Law [illegible] and purpoſes, and of none other or better force [illegible] neuer bin had nor made, Any thing in this [illegible] to the contrary thereof not withſtanding.

❧ An Act concerning Errors in Records of Attaindors of high Treason.

The second Chapter.

FOrasmuch as through corrupti[illegible] on, or negligent keeping, the Re[illegible] cords of Attaindors of Trea[illegible] happen many times to be im[illegible] red, blemished, or otherwise [illegible] defectiue; Be it ordained and e[illegible] nacted by authoritie of this pr[illegible] sent Parliament, that no Reco[illegible] of Attaindor, that now is, of an[illegible] person or persons, of or for an[illegible] high Treason, where the pers[illegible] so attainted is or hath been ex[illegible] ecuted for the same Treason, [illegible] by the heire or heires of any such person, or by any other [illegible] euer clayming in, from, by or vnder any such heire or heires, [illegible] in any wise hereafter reuersed, vndone, impeached or [illegible] by any plea, or for any Error whatsoeuer [illegible]

Prouided alwayes neuerthelesse, that this Act nor any th[illegible] therein conteined, shall in any wise extende to any Record of [illegible] taindor of or for any Treason, vpon which any writ of Er[illegible] now depending, or which [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

An Acte to auoyde fraudulent assurances made in certaine cases by Traytours.

The third Chapter.

Forasmuch as it hath bene and is very much bruted and published abroad, and by sundrie persons pretended, that diuers and many of the persons attainted of high treason sithence the eight day of Februarie in the eighteenth yeare of the reigne of our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, for matters touching the hurt, death or destruction of ỹ Queenes Maiestie, or for any actuall rebellion or insurrection [illegible] within this Realme or any other the Queenes [illegible] Dominions, or for being adherent or giuing ayde and comfort to the Queenes Maiesties enemies within the time [illegible] haue made diuers secret and fraudulent [illegible] conueyances of their Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, [illegible] meaning thereby to defraude the Queenes Maiestie [illegible] of their Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments [illegible] And [illegible] [illegible] estates and conueyances [illegible] [illegible] published [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] published and brought to light.

For remedie whereof, Be it enacted by ye authoritie of this preſent Parliament, that euery perſon & perſons which haue or [illegible] haue any Eſtate [illegible] already entred of Recorde, or certified in the Queenes Maieſties Court of Exchequer, of, in, or to, or out of any Mannors, Landes [illegible] or Hereditaments, by or vnder any graunt, aſſurances, or conueiances whatſoeuer had, made or done at any time ſithence the beginning of the Queenes Maieſties reigne, by any the perſons attainted for any the cauſes aforeſaid, ſithence the ſaid eight day of Februarie, ſhall within two yeeres next enſuing the laſt day of this Seſſion of Parliament, openly ſhew and bring forth, or cauſe to be ſhewed or brought foorth into the Queenes Maieſties ſaid Court of Exchequer, the ſame his or their graunt, conueyance and aſſurance which hee or they haue or hath, or pretend to haue, of, in, or to any the ſayd Mannors, Landes, Tenements or Hereditaments: And there in the Terme time in open Court, ſhall aver and affirme the ſame graunt, conueyance and aſſurance, vpon his or their othe, affirming that hee or they haue not nor can come by the ſame, or that it was neuer put in writing: Then the effect thereof in writing to be entred and enrolled of Record, or els euery ſuch graunt, conueyance and aſſurance ſhall be vtterly voyde and of none effect, to all intents and purpoſes.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforeſaide, That the Lorde Treaſurer, Chauncellour, and Barons of the ſayde Court of Exchequer for the time being, or any of them, vpon euery ſuch [illegible] for the better proofe of his [illegible] but any fraude or couine.

And yet neuertheleſſe, if at any time after, vpon any information vpon that caſe, or other information to be preferred and exhibited into the ſayde Court of Exchequer, for and in the behalfe of our ſayde Soueraigne Lady the Queene, her heires or ſucceſſours, or vpon any action vpon that caſe or ſuite to be proſecuted by any the Patentees of the Queenes Maieſtie, her heires or ſucceſſours, or by any other the heires or aſſignes of the ſame Patentees, it ſhall happen to be ſufficiently tried and prooued by verdict of xii. men, according to the common courſe of the Lawes of this Realme, that any of the ſayd eſtates, aſſurances and conueyances made by any of the ſayd traytours and perſons attainted, was made vpon any fraude or couine, to the intent thereby to defraude the Queenes Maieſtie of ſuch forfeiture as might haue growen or commen to her Highneſſe by reaſon of any the ſayd Attaindors: That then euery ſuch eſtate, conueyance and aſſurance ſo tried and ſufficiently prooued as aforeſayde, to be had or made by and vpon ſuch fraude or couine, ſhall be vtterly voyde and of none effect, to all intents, conſtructions and purpoſes, vntill ſuch time as ſuch triall by verdict ſhal be lawfully vndone by Attaint or otherwiſe.

Prouided alwayes, and bee it enacted by the authoritie aforeſayd, that this Acte or any thing therein conteined, ſhall not in any wiſe extende to any bargaine and ſale by deede indented and inrolled, nor to any other aſſurance heretofore inrolled in any the Queenes Maieſties Courts of Recorde at Weſtminſter, made vpon good and true conſideration or conſiderations, without fraude or couine by any of ye ſaid perſons ſo attainted, at any time before the day of his or their ſayde ſeuerall treaſons committed, whereof they nowe ſtande attainted: but that euery ſuch bargaine and ſale and aſſurance ſhall ſtande and be in as good force and effect, as the ſame was or were before the making of this Acte, any thing herein conteined to the contrary thereof in any wiſe notwithſtanding. And ſauing to all and euery perſon and perſons, and bodies politique and corporate, their heires and ſucceſſours, and to the heires and ſucceſſours of euery of them, (other then ſuch perſons and their heires, as bee or haue bene parties or priuie to any eſtate or conueyance made by fraude or couine as is aforeſayde, and other then ſuch as ſhall not according to the true meaning of this Statute exhibite, offer and ſhewe their ſayde grauntes, conueyances and aſſurances, or the effect thereof as is aforeſayde, in the ſayde Court of Exchequer, within the time to them before in this Acte limited) all ſuch Eſtate, Right, Title and intereſt as they or any of them haue, of, in or to any of the ſayde Mannoures, Landes, Tenements, Rentes, Profites, and Hereditaments, or any parcell thereof, in as large and ample maner and fourme, to all intents and purposes, as they or any of them had before the making of this Acte. Any thing in this Acte contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Prouided alwayes, that this Act, or any thing therein conteined, shall not extende to any Lease not exceeding xxi. yeeres, or three liues, or made for any number of yeeres determinable vpon one, two, or three liues, from the time of the making of the same Lease of Landes, Tenements, or Hereditaments most commonly vsed to be letten to Farme for yeeres or liues, within the space of xx. yeeres before the making of the same Lease, and whereupon the vsual accustomed yeerely rent or more is reserued: Nor to any estate by copy of any Landes or Tenements, made according to the custome of any Mannour, whereof the same is parcell.

Prouided also, that this Acte or any thing therein conteined shall not in any wise extende to, nor preiudice or hinder any person or persons, for, touching, or concerning any conueyance or assurance made bona fide, vpon good consideration, and without fraude or couine, by any of the sayd persons so attainted, at any time before their seuerall treasons committed, other then vnto the wiues, children, and heires apparant of the persons so attainted.

An Acte to preuent extortion in Sherifes, Vndersherifes, and Bailifes of *Fraunchises or Liberties*, in cases of Execution.

The iiij. Chapter.

Be it enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, That it shall not be lawfull, from the first day of May nowe next comming, to or for any Sherife, Vndersherife, Bailife of Fraunchises or Liberties, nor for any their or either of their Officers, ministers, seruants, Bailifes or deputies, nor for any of them, by reason or colour of their or any of their Offices or offices, to take, receiue or take of any [illegible] perſons whatſoeuer, directly or indirectly, for the ſeruing and executing of any extent or execution vpon the body, lands, goods or chattels of any perſon or perſons whatſoeuer, more, or other conſideration or recompence, then in this preſent Acte is & ſhalbe limited and appointed, which ſhall bee lawfull to be had, receiued and taken, that is to ſay, twelue pence of and for euery twentie ſhillings, where the ſumme extendeth not one hundreth pounds, and ſixe pence of and for euery twentie ſhillings, being ouer and aboue the ſaid ſumme of one hundreth pounds, that he or they ſhall ſo leuie or extende, and deliuer in execution, or take the bodie in execution for, by vertue and force of any ſuch extent or execution whatſoeuer, vpon paine and penaltie that all and euery Sheriffe, vnderſheriffe, Bailife of Fraunchiſes or liberties, their and euery of their miniſters, ſeruants, Officers, Bailiffes or Deputies, which at any time after the ſayde firſt day of May nowe next enſuing, ſhall directly or indirectly doe the contrary, ſhall loſe and forfeite to the partie grieued his treble dammage, and ſhall forfeite the ſumme of fourtie poundes of good and lawfull Engliſh money, for euery time that he, they, or any of them ſhall doe the contrary. The one moitie thereof to be to our Soueraigne Ladie the Queene, her heires and ſucceſſours, and the other moitie thereof to the partie or parties that will ſue for the ſame, by any plaint, action, ſuite, Bill, or Information, wherein no Eſſoyne, Wager of Lawe, or Protection ſhall be allowed.

Prouided alwayes, that this Acte, or any thing therein contained, ſhall not extende to any fees to be taken or had for any execution within any Citie or Towne corporate, Any thing aboue mentioned to the contrary thereof notwithſtanding.

An Acte for the continuance and perfecting of diuers Statutes.

The fifth Chapter.

WHere in the firſt Seſſion of Parliament holden at Weſtminſter the twelfth day of Ianuarie, in the fifth yere of her Highneſſe reigne, an Acte was then and there made for the puniſhment of ſuch perſons as ſhould procure or commit any wilfull periurie: And where in the Parliament begun & holden at Weſtminſter the ſeconde day of Aprill, in the xiii. yeere of her Maieſties reigne, an Act was then and there made, for the auoyding and aboliſhing of fained, couenous and fraudulent feoffments, gifts, graunts, alienations, bands, ſuites, iudgements & executions, entituled, An Acte againſt fraudulent Deedes, Gifts, graunts, Alienations, &c. And where alſo in the firſt Seſſion of the Parliament begun and holden at Weſtminſter the xii. day of Ianuarie, in the ſayd fifth yeere of her Highnes reigne, and from thence continued by prorogation vntill the diſſolution thereof, there was one other Act made for the reuiuing of a Statute of ſecundo et tertio Philippi & Mariæ, for ỹ amending of hie wayes, all which Actes aboue mentioned are by proofe & experience tried & found to be very neceſſarie and profitable for the common wealth of this Realme. For which cauſe, Be it enacted by the Queenes Maieſtie, with the aſſent of the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the authoritie of the ſame, That the ſayd Actes aboue remembred, and euery of them, and all & euery the branches, clauſes and prouiſions in them & euery of them conteined, ſhall from henceforth be, remaine, and continue in force and effect for euer.

And where in the firſt Seſſion of Parliament begun in the Citie of London the third day of Nouember, in the xxi. yeere of the reigne of our late Soueraigne Lord of famous memorie King Henry the eight, and from thence adiorned & proroged to the Palace of Weſtminſter, an Act or Statute was made, entituled, An Act for the true making of Cables, Halſers & Ropes: And where in the Parliament holden vpon prorogation at Weſtminſter, the fourth day of February, in the xxiiii. yere of the reigne of the ſaid King, one other Act was then and there made, entituled, An Act againſt killing of yong beaſtes called weanelings: And where in the Seſſion of a Parliament ended at Weſtminſter, the firſt day of Februarie, in the fourth yeere of ỹ reigne of our late Soueraigne Lord King Edward the ſixt, one Act was made concerning the buying and ſelling of Rother beaſts & cattell, and alſo one other Act was then and there likewiſe made, entituled, An Act for the buying and ſelling of Butter and Cheeſe: And where alſo in the Parliament begun at Weſtminſter, the xxiii. day of Ianuarie, in the firſt yeere of the reigne of the Queenes Maieſtie that now is, and there continued by prorogation vntil the diſſolution thereof, one Act was then and there made, entituled, An Act for preſeruation of ſpawne and Frie of fiſh: And where alſo in the firſt Seſſion of Parliament holden at Weſtminſter the twelfth day of Ianuarie, in the fifth yeere of her Highneſſe reigne, one Acte was then and there made, entituled, An Acte for maintenance and encreaſe of Tillage, and one other Act was then & there likewiſe made, entituled, An Acte for yͤ auoiding of diuers foreine wares, made by handicraftes men beyond the Seas: And where alſo in the laſt Seſſion of yͤ Parliament holden by prorogation at Weſtminſter the laſt day of Septẽber, in the viii. yere of her Maieſties Reigne, one Acte was then and there made, entituled, An Acte for Bowyers and the prices of Bowes: And where alſo in the Parliament begunne and holden at Weſtminſter the ſeconde day of April, in the thirteenth yeere of her Maieſties Reigne, there was one Acte and Statute made for the auoyding of ſome leaſes in certaine caſes to be made of Eccleſiaſticall promotions with cure, entituled, An Acte touching leaſes of Benefices and other Eccleſiaſticall liuings with cure: And where alſo there was one other Acte and Statute made in the ſaid Parliament begunne and holden at Weſtminſter the ſaid ſecond day of April, in the ſayde thirteenth yeere, entituled, An Acte that Purueyours may take Graine, Corne, or victuals within fiue miles of Cambridge and Oxforde in certaine caſes: and alſo one other Acte was then and there made, entituled, An act againſt vſurie: And where, in the Parliament holden at Weſtminſter the eight day of May, in the xiiii. yeere of her Highneſſe Reigne, there was one other Acte made, entituled, An acte for the continuation, explanation, perfecting and enlarging of diuers Statutes, in which Statute are conteined diuers braunches, clauſes and prouiſions touching and concerning the explanation, perfecting and enlarging of diuers of the ſtatutes before mentioned: And where alſo in the firſt Seſſion of the Parliament begunne and holden at Weſtminſter, the eight day of May in the fourteenth yeere of the Queenes Highneſſe reigne that nowe is, and from thence continued by prorogation till the diſſolution thereof, there was one other acte made, entituled, An acte for the puniſhment of vagabonds, and for the reliefe of the poore and impotent: And where in the Parliament holden at Weſtminſter aforeſaide in the eighteenth yeere of her Maieſties reigne, there was one other acte made, entituled, An acte for the ſetting of the poore on worke, and for the auoyding of idleneſſe: And where in the Parliament holden at Weſtminſter the three and twentieth day of Nouember in the xxvii. yeere of her Maieſties reigne, one other Acte was made for the reuiuing, continuance, explanation, and perfecting of diuers Statutes, in which are conteined diuers prouiſions and clauſes, touching and concerning certaine additions and alterations vnto and of diuers of the ſaid former Statutes, and other new prouiſions: And where in the ſaide Parliament holden at Weſtminſter the three and twentieth day of Nouember, in the ſeuen and twentieth yeere of the Queenes Maieſties reigne that nowe is, there was an Acte made for the leuying of Fines loſt by Iurors: And whereas alſo in the Parliament holden at Weſtminſter the xxiii. day of Nouember in the xxvii. yeere of the Queenes Maieſties reigne that nowe is, there was one other acte made, entituled, An act for the good gouernment of the Citie or Borough of Weſtminſter: Foraſmuch as all the ſame ſeuerall acts and ſtatutes, branches, clauſes and prouiſions and euery of them doe ſeeme good, beneficiall, and needfull to the weale and profite of this Realme, Be it therefore further enacted by the authoritie of this preſent Parliament, that the foreſaide ſeuerall laſt recited ſtatutes and actes, and the ſaid mentioned branches, clauſes, prouiſions, additions, alterations, and explanations and euery of them, and all and euery article, clauſe and ſentence in them and euery of them conteined, ſhall be continued and endure in full force and effect during the time hereafter mentioned, that is to ſay, till the ende of the next Parliament next enſuing.

And where alſo in the firſt Seſſion of Parliament holden at Weſtminſter the xii. day of Ianuarie, in the ſaid fifth yeere of her Maieſties reigne, one acte was then and there made, entituled, An acte touching certaine politike conſtitutions made for the maintenance of the Nauie: Be it further enacted by the authoritie of this preſent Parliament, that ſo much onely of the ſaid laſt mentioned acte, as that this preſent ſtandeth in force, and not heretofore at any time repealed, ſhall continue and endure in full force & effect, vnto the end of the next Parliament next enſuing.

Prouided alwaies, that whereas diuers her Maieſties louing ſubiects dwelling in the remote partes of this Realme, are many times maliciouſly troubled vpon informations and ſuites exhibited in the Courts of Kings Bench, Common plees, and Exchequer, vpon penall ſtatutes, and are drawen vp vpon proceſſe out of the countreis where they dwell, and driuen to attend and put in bayle to their great trouble and vndoings: For reformation whereof, Be it enacted, that if any perſon or perſons be ſued or informed againſt, vpon any penall lawe in any the foreſaid courts of Kings Bench, Common plees or Exchequer, where ſuch perſon or perſons are bayleable by lawe, or where by the lawe or fauour of the court ſuch perſon or perſons may appeare by Atturney: That in all and euery ſuch caſe, the perſon or perſons ſo to be impleaded or ſued, ſhal & may at the day and time conteined in the firſt proceſſe ſerued for his appearance, appeare by Atturney of the ſame Court where the proceſſe is returnable, to anſwere and defend the ſame, and not be vrged to perſonall appearance, or to put in baile for the anſwering of ſuch ſuite, Any [illegible] [illegible] Cuſtome or vſage to the contrary notwithſtanding.

An Acte for the more ſpeedie and due execution of certaine *branches of the Statute made in the xxiij.* yeere of the Queenes Maieſties raigne, entituled, An Acte to retaine the Queenes Maieſties ſubiects in their due obedience.

The ſixth Chapter.

FOR auoyding of all fraudes and delayes heretofore practiſed, or hereafter to bee put in vre, to the hinderance of the due and ſpeedie execution of the Statute made in the Seſſion of Parliament holden by prorogation at Weſtminſter, the xvi. day of Ianuarie in the xxiii. yeere of the raigne of our moſt gracious ſoueraigne Ladie the Queenes Maieſtie, entituled, An Acte to reteine the Queenes Maieſties ſubiectes in their due obedience: Bee it enacted by authoritie of this preſent Parliament, that euery Feoffement, Gift, Graunt, Conueiance, Alienation, Eſtate, Leaſe, Encumbrance, & Limitation of Uſe, of, or out of any Landes, Tenements, or Hereditaments whatſoeuer, had or made at any time ſince yͤ beginning of the Queenes Maieſties reigne, or at any time hereafter to bee had or made by any perſon which hath not repaired, or ſhall not repaire to ſome Church, Chappell, or vſuall place of Common Praier, but hath forborne or ſhall forbeare the ſame contrary to yͤ tenor of the ſayd Statute: and which is or ſhall be reuoheable at the pleaſure of ſuch offendour, or in any wiſe directly or indirectly ment or intended, to or for the behoofe, reliefe or maintenance, or at the diſpoſition of any ſuch offender, or wherewith, or whereby, or in conſideration whereof ſuch offender or his familie ſhall be maintained, relieued or kept, ſhall be deemed, and taken to bee vtterly fraudulent and voide, as againſt the Queenes Maieſtie, for, or concerning the leuying and paying of ſuch ſummes of money as any ſuch perſon by the Lawes or Statutes of the Realme alreadie made, ought to paie or forfeite for not comming or repairing to any Church, Chappell, or vſuall place of Common Praier, or

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for ſaying, hearing, or being at any Maſſe, and ſhall alſo bee ſeiſed and had, to and for her Maieſties vſe and behoofe, as hereafter in this Acte is mentioned, Any pretence, colour, fained conſideration, or expreſſing of any vſe to the contrarie notwithſtanding.

And further be it enacted by the authoritie aforeſaid, that euery cōuiction heretofore recorded for any offence before mētioned, not alreadie eſtreated or certified into the Queenes Maieſties Court of Exchequer, ſhall from the Iuſtices before whom the recorde of ſuch conuiction ſhall be remaining, be eſtreated and certified into the Queenes Maieſties court of Exchequer, before the ende of Eaſter Terme next comming, in ſuch conuenient certaintie for the time and other circumſtāces, as the Court of Exchequer may thereupon awarde out proceſſe for ſeiſure of the lands and goods of euery ſuch offender, as hath not paid their ſaid forfeitures, according to yͤ lawes and ſtatutes in ſuch caſe prouided. And that euery conuiction hereafter for any offence before mentioned, ſhal be in the Court commonly called the Kings bench, or at the Aſſiſes or generall gaole deliuerie, & not elſe where, and ſhall from the Iuſtices before whom the record of ſuch conuiction ſhall remaine, be eſtreated and certified into the ſaid Court of Exchequer, before the ende of the Terme next enſuing after euery ſuch conuiction, in ſuch conuenient certaintie as is afore mentioned.

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And be it alſo enacted by the authoritie aforeſaid, yͭ euery ſuch offender in not repairing to diuine Seruice, but forbearing the ſame contrary to the ſaid Eſtatute, as hath beene heretofore conuicted for ſuch offence, and hath not made ſubmiſſion, & bene conformable according to the true meaning of the ſaid Statute, ſhal without any other indictment or cōuiction, pay into the receit of the ſaid Exchequer all ſuch ſummes of mony, as according to the rate of xx. pound for euery moneth ſithence the ſame conuiction, do yet remaine vnpaid, in forme as hereafter enſueth: that is to ſay, the one moitie thereof before yͤ end of next Trinitie Terme, and the other moitie thereof before the end of the next Hillary terme, or at any ſuch other times as by the Lord Treaſorer, Chancelor & chiefe Baron of the Exchequer, or any two of them, that vpon compoſition vpon good band & ſurety taken be limited, before the end of the ſaid next Trinitie Terme, if any ſuch compoſition ſhal happen to be. And ſhal alſo in euery Eaſter and Michaelmas Terme, vntil ſuch time as yͤ ſame perſon do make ſubmiſſion, and be conformable according to the true meaning of the ſaid Statute, pay into the ſaid receite of the Exchequer twentie poundes for euery moneth, which ſhall incurre in all that meane time.

And bee it alſo enacted by the authoritie aforeſaide, that euery ſuch offender in not repairing to diuine Seruice, but forbearing the ſame contrary to ẏ ſayd Statute, as hereafter ſhal fortune to be thereof once conuicted, ſhal in ſuch of ẏ Termes of Eaſter or Michaelmas, as ſhal be next after ſuch conuiction, paie into the ſaid receit of Exchequer after the rate of twẽtie pounds for euery moneth which ſhall be conteined in the indictment whereupon ſuch conuiction ſhalbe. And ſhall alſo for euery moneth after ſuch conuiction without any other indictment or conuiction, paie into the receit of the Exchequer aforeſaid at two times in the yeere: That is to ſay, in euery Eaſter Terme & Michaelmas Terme, as much as then ſhal remaine vnpaid, after the rate of xx. pound for euery moneth after ſuch conuiction. And if default ſhalbe made in any part of any paiment aforeſaide, contrary to the forme herein before limited, that then and ſo often the Queenes Maieſtie ſhall and may by Proceſſe out of the ſaid Exchequer, take, ſeaſe, and enioy all the goods, & two partes as wel of all the lands, tenements, and hereditaments, leaſes and farmes of ſuch offender, as of all other the lands, tenements, and hereditaments liable to ſuch ſeiſure, or to the penalties aforeſayde, by the true meaning of this Act, leauing the third part onely of the ſame lands, tenements, and hereditaments, leaſes, and farmes, to and for the maintenance and reliefe of the ſame offender, his wife, children, and family.

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And for the more ſpeedie conuiction of ſuch offender, in not repairing to diuine Seruice, but forbearing the ſame contrary to ẏ ſaid Statute, Be it enacted by the authoritie aforeſaid, that the indictment of euery ſuch offender mentioning the not comming of ſuch offender to the Church of the Pariſh where ſuch perſon at any time before ſuch indictment was, or did keepe houſe or reſidence, nor to any other Church, Chappell or vſual place of Common Prayer, ſhall be ſufficient in the Lawe, and that it ſhall not be needfull to mention in any ſuch indictment, that the partie offender was or is inhabiting within this Realme of England, or any other the Queenes Maieſties dominions. But if it ſhall happen any ſuch offender then not to bee within this Realme or other her Maieſties dominions, that in ſuch caſe the party be releeued by plea to be put in in that behalfe and not otherwiſe. And that vpon the indictment of ſuch offender, a Proclamation ſhall be made at the ſame Aſſiſes or gaole deliuery, in which the indictment ſhall be taken, if the ſame be taken at any Aſſiſe or gaole deliuerie, by which it ſhall bee commaunded, that the bodie of ſuch offender ſhall be rendred to the Sheriffe of the ſame Countie, before the ſayde next Aſſiſes or generall Gaole deliuerie to bee holden in the ſame Countie. And if at the ſayd next Aſſiſes or Gaole deliuerie, ẏ ſame offender ſo proclaimed ſhal not make appearance of record, that then vpon ſuch default recorded, the ſame ſhalbe as ſufficient a conuiction in lawe of the ſayde offence whereof the partie ſo ſtandeth indicted as is aforeſayde, as if vpon the ſame indictment a trial by verdite thereupon had proceeded, and bene recorded.

Prouided alwaies, that whenſoeuer any ſuch offender as is aforeſayde, ſhall make ſubmiſſion and become conformeable according to the forme limited by the ſayde Statute made in the xxiii. yeere of the Queenes Maieſties reigne, or ſhall fortune to dye: that then no forfaiture of twentie pounde for any moneth, or ſeiſure of the lands of the ſame offender, from and after ſuch ſubmiſſion and conformitie, or death, and full ſatiſfaction of all the arrerages of twenty pounds monethly, before ſuch ſeiſure due or paieable, ſhal enſue or be continued againſt ſuch offender, ſo long as the ſame perſon ſhall continue in comming to diuine ſeruice, according to the intent of the ſayde Statute.

And where by the ſayde former Statute, the thirde part of the forfeitures for not comming to diuine Seruice, is limitted to the poore: Bee it further enacted by the authoritie aforeſayde, that it ſhall and may be lawfull, to and for the Lorde Treaſorer of England, Chancelor, and chiefe Baron of the Exchequer for the time being, or two of them, to aſſigne and diſpoſe of the full third part of the twentie pounde for euery moneth payed, or to be payed into the receit of the Exchequer, as is aforeſayde, for the reliefe and maintenance aſwell of the poore, and of the houſes of correction, as of impotent and maimed ſouldiers, as the ſame Lorde Treaſorer, Chancelor and chiefe Baron, or any two of them, ſhall order or appoynt, Any thing in the ſayd Statute made in the ſayde xxiii. yeere of her Maieſties raigne mentioned, to the contrarie thereof in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

Prouided alwayes, that this Acte or any thing therein conteined, ſhall not in any wiſe extende, or bee conſtrued to make voyde or impeache any graunt or leaſe heretofore made bona fide, without fraude or couine, whereupon any yeerely rent or paiment is reſerued or paieable, or any graunt or leaſe hereafter to bee made bona fide without fraude or couine, whereupon the accuſtomed yeerely rent or more ſhall bee reſerued, or any other conueiance, aſſurance or aſſignement whatſoeuer, heretofore made bona fide, vpon good conſideration, and without fraude or couine, which is not or ſhall not bee reuokeable at the pleaſure of ſuch offender, otherwiſe then to giue benefite and title to her Maieſtie, her heires and ſucceſſours, to haue, perceiue, and enioy ſuch rentes and paimentes during the continuance of ſuch leaſe or graunt, according to the true meaning of this Acte.

And prouided alſo, that this Acte or any thing therein conteyned, ſhall not in any wiſe extende or be conſtrued to continue any ſeiſure of any Landes or Tenements of ſuch offendour in her Maieſties handes, or in the handes of her heires or ſucceſſours, after the ſaid offendours death, which Landes or Tenements he ſhall haue or be ſeiſed of, only for terme of his life, or in the right of his wife, Any thing in this acte to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

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